

Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Colorado experienced dry sunny days last week with temperatures reported above average. November weather patterns allowed farmers 6 days in the field to continue fieldwork and other operations. With no widespread rainfall reported last week, the harvesting of several crops progressed nicely.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT					
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
This Week	6	21	72	1	
Last Week	6	23	70	1	
Last Year	6	23	69	2	

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT					
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
This Week	18	33	48	1	
Last Week	17	33	49	1	
Last Year	11	33	56	0	

Small Grains: Winter wheat is currently rated in excellent to good condition.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT					
Week ending November 12, 2006					
	Very	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Poor				
Winter Wheat	2	4	20	34	40

Row Crops: The corn crop has reached 81 percent harvested, and is rated in good to excellent condition. The sorghum crop reached 55 percent harvested by week's end. The crop is rated in mostly fair to good condition. The sugarbeet harvest continues with 88 percent of the crop now harvested. Dry beans reached 97 percent harvested while sunflowers reached 86 percent harvested by week's end.

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT					
Week ending November 12, 2006					
	Very	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Poor				
Corn	5	11	16	49	19
Sorghum	2	14	47	33	4

Hay: Producers continue to cut alfalfa with 94 percent of the fourth cutting harvested.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were average for the week. Producers continue to feed supplements due to the lack of grazable range and pastures.

Notice: This report will be the last weekly crop progress report for 2006. Monthly reports, will begin the first week of the new year. Next year's weekly reports will begin on March 12th, 2007.

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Development Ratings for Week Ending November 12, 2006					
Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.	
Corn				-	
Harvested	81	62	83	83	
Sorghum					
Harvested	55	39	88	81	
Sunflowers					
Harvested	86	79	88	85	
Alfalfa					
4 th cutting	94	77	94	95	
Dry Beans					
Harvested	97	94	100	100	
Sugarbeets					
Harvest	88	73	95	97	

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